

**Regional Service Council Minutes
Region # 9**

Meeting Date: 11.16.07

Meeting Location: Hendricks County Dept. of Child Services
6781 E US Hwy. 36, Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Jana Minks - Montgomery County DCS, Tim Miller - Director, Morgan County DCS, Harmony Gist - Morgan County DCS, Barbara South - Director, Putnam County DCS, and Char Burkett-Sims - DCS , Region 9 Regional Manager

Guests Present:

Mark Fairchild - Region 9 Community Partners for Child Safety, Andrea Goodwin - Hendricks County DCS, Kamilla Aeschliman - Boone County DCS, Darrell Gordon - Wernle Children's Home, David Eilar - Wernle Children's Home, Michael Scime - Montgomery County Youth Services Bureau, Kayla Gentry - Montgomery County Youth Services Bureau

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM

Practice Reform Indicators:

Placement Type Average for Region 9 for October '07 is as follows:

Own Home: 36.29%
Relative: 16.57%
Foster Care: 32.86 %
Residential: 7.14 %

Practice Reform changes would suggest that we could expect to see increases in the number of child placements in the child's own home and with relatives.

Absence of Repeat Maltreatment:

The average rate for the Region for the Absence of Maltreatment in October 2007 is 81.90% .The target for this measure is 90%.

- Hendricks County is at the highest rate on Absence of Repeat Maltreatment with 97.43 %.
- Boone is near the 90% goal with 89.99%.

Child Welfare Funds:

- Can we look at utilizing these funds for services that we have never considered before?
 - Some examples discussed for utilizing Child Welfare Dollars as an intervention for the family:
 - Supervised visitation
 - Individualizing services for a family with particular needs

This will be an ongoing discussion for the Regional Services council to come up with utilization for these funds.

IV-B Funding Proposals:

Families United is no longer serving Putnam County. Barb South has requested to transfer \$8000 to Boone County for the year 2008.

All members in attendance approved the request but there was not a quorum at this meeting. Barb will seek approval from at least 3 other council members. Approval is pending the receipt of additional votes.

General Discussions:**Community Partners for Child Safety:**

October was a very busy month with 77 referrals. The average is usually in the 30's per month. The school systems have become the 2nd largest referral source in which has come a long way from being the 6th largest. There was a Kids Fair in Hendricks County that was a huge success with about 1500 people. This was a larger crowd than what they had originally expected. They are looking forward to doing this again next year with more planning involved.

We will be discussing the expansion and funding of the program as part of the agenda and making a proposal. Char will be checking on the numbers of funds available for Jan. '08 to Dec.'08 and any extra allocation of funding available.

Wernle Children's Home:

David Eilar and Darrell Gordan gave an update on the new strength based, mastery program that follows best practice. They no longer have a system level and are now developing treatment plans that meet the individual needs of each child.

Next Meeting Date: 1.25.08

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Hendricks County DCS Office

Meeting concluded at 2:25 PM